

City of Selah  
Council Minutes

November 28, 2006

Regular Meeting  
Selah Council Chambers  
115 West Naches Avenue  
Selah, WA 98942

A. Call to Order Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 4:01pm.

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Brian Harris, Keith Larson, Denise Nichols, Paul Overby, Allen Schmid, Herb Schmidt

Members Excused: Scott Smeback

Staff Present: Frank Sweet, City Supervisor; Jerry Davis, Fire Chief; Rick Gutierrez, Police Chief; Joe Henne, Public Works Director; Jeff Hagler, Parks & Rec Director

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Rex Van Beek led the group in prayer.

D. Agenda Changes

E. Public Appearances

1. Above & Beyond Award

Mayor Jones presented the new "Above & Beyond Award" to Jimmy Morrison for his service to the City of Selah. He explained to the audience that Jim Morrison rides the bucket in the cold to put the flags up. Jim took on the responsibility of overseeing the activities of the work release prisoners from the Wapato Correctional Facility and has been very successful in designing projects for them: cleaning, painting and repairing in the City parks and buildings, clearing weeds, washing City automobiles, etc. Mayor Jones thanked Mr. Morrison, presented him with the Above & Beyond plaque and a City of Selah coin.

Jim Morrison thanked the Mayor, noting his pride at receiving the award. He said his secret is to follow the example set by the Mayor and Council who give so much to the City.

Council Member Brian Harris Introduced the members of the 2006 State Championship Girls' Volleyball Team.

## 2. Community Pride Award

Mayor Jones presented the Community Pride Award to the team and their coach, Kay Aberle. He read the names of the team members: Rachel Fickes, Kiereia Meloy, Amanda Barnett, Courtney Hutchins, Christy Daniels, Dani Gunner, Allyson Powell, Erin Smith, Sasha Valdez, Kierstin Wilson, Ashley Wilson and Emily Harris.

He praised the girls for honor they bring to their parents, school and community through their efforts.

Councilman Harris presented each girl with a Selah pin for her letter jacket

### F. Getting To Know Our Businesses

### G. Communications

1. Oral
2. Written

### H. Proclamations/Announcements

### I. Consent Agenda

Councilman Schmid moved to add items M-1, M-2, M-3 and N-1 to the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman Nichols seconded. By voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Schmid moved and Councilman Schmidt seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended. By voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

All items listed with an asterisk (\*) were considered as part of the Consent Agenda.

- \* 1. Approval of Minutes: Council Meeting November 14, 2006
- \* 2. Approval of Claims & Payroll: Claims check nos. 48663 – 48721 for a total of \$63,404.03.

### J. Public Hearings

### K. New Business

### L. Old Business

### M. Resolutions

- \* 1. Resolution for Change Order Number 6, Crusher Canyon Road Improvements
- \* 2. Resolution for Change Order Number 7, Crusher Canyon Road Improvements
- \* 3. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign the Memorandum of Agreement between the

Yakima Valley Conference of Governments and the City of Selah for Commute Trip  
Reduction (CTR)

N. Ordinances

- \* 1. Ordinance To Create Fund No. 119 Transit Fund

O. Communications

- 1. Oral

P. Reports/Announcements

- 1. Mayor
- 2. Council Members
- 3. Boards
- 4. Departmental

- a. Agreement for Selah Teen Center

- b. Planning Commission Minutes of June 6, 2006 – Approved

Police Chief Gutierrez reminded people to drive safely 6 accidents yesterday.

Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Hagler reported the Whispers of Christmas will be held this coming Saturday. He passed out fliers for that celebration as well as the Chamber of Commerce sponsored Christmas lighting contest for local businesses. He called Council Members' attention to the item in the packet regarding the Selah Teen Center, noting that issue will come up again as part of the budget considerations.

Councilman Schmid reported that last Monday and Tuesday, with the help of jail trustees, he completed painting the back of the advertising signs at Wood Field a forest green. He said they look much better.

Councilman Schmidt invited young people in the audience to attend a meeting on Wednesday evening December 6 at 7:00pm at the Civic Center to learn more about Emergency Management.

Councilman Harris reported there will be a food drive to benefit the Yakima Coalition for the Homeless and the Selah Food Bank again this year. He passed out fliers and urged all present to contribute. He noted that Above & Beyond award recipient Jim Morrison personally contributed \$100 to this project last year.

Councilman Keith Larson noted the Emergency Drill that followed the last Council Meeting. He asked for an update on that.

Fire Chief Jerry Davis, who had facilitated that drill for the Selah ECC, reported that it was a terrorist training drill in which Selah was supporting Yakima County. He reported all Department Heads were involved in the drill and dealt with situations as they were given to our ECC, including some terrorist threats within Selah, a house fire, etc.

Mayor Jones noted that everybody pretty much knows what to do in the case of an emergency, but there is a lots of paperwork involved with this kind of drill.

City Supervisor Frank Sweet noted we had no casualties.

Mayor Jones asked who would like to attend the Visitors & Convention Center auction dinner. He asked the Administrative Assistant to RSVP for him, Councilman Schmid, Councilman Schmidt. He noted tonight Yakima Valley Mayors, Police Chiefs, City, County and State officials will attend a meeting at the convention center addressing correction and court issues. He praised the blading of sidewalks for snow removal.

Public Works Director Henne stated the sun will be out tomorrow, and his crew will try to get the rest of the snow off.

Q. Executive Session

R. Adjournment

Council Member Schmid moved and Councilman Schmidt seconded that the meeting be adjourned. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:25pm.

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Robert L. Jones, Mayor

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Paul Overby, Council Member

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Keith Larson, Council Member

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Denise Nichols, Council Member

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Brian Harris, Council Member

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Herb Schmidt, Council Member

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Allen Schmid, Council Member

(Excused)

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Scott Smeback, Council Member

ATTEST:

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Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer